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## LEXINGTON LAD HELD FOR \$25,000 RANSOM

Sensational Kidnapping Takes Place When Young Son of E. R. Little Is Stolen

(By Associated Press)

Lexington, Ky., March 25—Although E. R. Little, Lexington capitalist, had announced the demanded ransom would be paid, Paul Little, his 11-year-old son, is still a captive today of the kidnapper who lured him away late yesterday. He stated the kidnapper demanded \$25,000.

Little announced all demands would be met, declaring "I do not care about the \$25,000, if I can get my son back safely."

The boy disappeared with an unidentified man late in the afternoon. Later a messenger delivered a note demanding the ransom.

It was reported today that the note to Little said Little apparently had injured the kidnapper at some time. It said "You have torn my heart out. I had a pistol to your face twice but my heart failed me. I take this way of getting even."

Little said he never harmed anybody and never had an enemy as far as he knew. The note was printed on hotel stationery with headings removed. The family is prostrated.

The note is printed with a lead pencil on soft writing paper, and declares that the writer has deep-seated enmity for the elder Little, and that he expects through the kidnapping of the boy, to pull Mr. Little's "heart out of his breast or a large amount of money out of his pocket."

The writer of the note declares that unless the money is deposited at a designated place by a specified time the boy will be killed.

It further asserts that the writer twice has had a gun leveled on Mr. Little, with the intention of killing him.

In conclusion Little is warned not to attempt to have the writer stop the note arrested if he decides to pay the money and not to have any one about when and after it is deposited at the designated place, which is a prominent spot in Lexington.

Terry Crossfield, son of R. H. Crossfield, president of Transylvania College; Joe Morford, Frazer Wilson and Keller Little, a brother of the missing boy, say that about 1:30 Wednesday afternoon, as they were coming home from school, they met a stranger who wore a black and white check suit, tan shoes, a cap, and amber glasses with tortoise shell rims, who told Paul he wanted him to carry a parcel from the postoffice to a residence on North Broadway, and that he would pay him \$1 for his services, it being specified that he be at the postoffice by 4:30 o'clock.

About 4 o'clock while the five boys were playing marbles in front of the Little home, the stranger again appeared and called Paul, who left with him. The other boys followed all the way to the postoffice. They said tonight they were suspicious of the stranger.

They watched him and Paul go into the postoffice building, and they entered also, and stood near a window from which they watched the man and boy after they had passed out of the building and stood talking on the sidewalk.

The attention of the boys was diverted for a brief period, and when they looked out of the window again the two were gone.

The boys made a hurried search in all directions, but could see nothing of either of them. They went home thinking Paul would come after he had delivered the package.

At 7 o'clock, however, a Postal messenger delivered the kidnapper's note at the Little home, and the father passed an hour in consultation with President Crossfield, of Transylvania, before it was decided to take the case to Chief of Police J. J. Reagan, who is leaving nothing undone to locate the boy and the man or men who have him in custody.

Mr. Little is a heavy dealer in land and live stock. He comes originally from Eastern Kentucky, and has made a fortune in the last few years. Mr. Little says he has no known enemy and is worked up over the kidnapping. County Detective Thos. Ready

announced at noon that "developments are coming rapidly and we expect to have the little boy before night."

## THE MARKETS

Louisville, Mar. 25—Cattle 500, slow; \$4.75 to \$13; hogs 1,200; 25c lower; \$8 to \$15.75; sheep, 100; steady and unchanged. Cincinnati—Hogs 25c lower; Chicago 25c lower; cattle steady and slow.

## Weather For Kentucky

Rain tonight and Friday; except fair Friday in extreme west portion tonight; colder Friday.

## TOM LAWSON HELD ON MINE STOCK DEAL

(By Associated Press)

Boston, March 25—Attorney General Allen's crusade against promoters and brokers, who have been exploiting silver stocks, led to the arrest of Thomas H. Lawson today. Lawson surrendered on a warrant charging him with violating the state law regarding filing information about stock issued. Lawson was recently active in promotion of stocks featured as "2 Silvers, the Greatest Gamble of the Age." He announced he and others were engaged in developing certain silver mining properties. During his advertising campaign, the stocks advanced from a few cents to \$8 and \$9 a share. It is now quoted at many cents. Lawson's stock flotations have attracted national attention in the last quarter of a century.

## GOVERNOR VETOES SEVEN MORE BILLS

Frankfort, Ky., March 25—Budget bills for 1920-21 and 1920-22 were signed by Governor Morehead with the bill extending the life of the Kentucky Council of National Defense and four other House bills, and five Senate measures. The bills follow:

House—Providing for care of neglected and delinquent children in Jefferson county; providing a free public landing on the Cumberland River; providing for appeals from orders of the State Tax Commission increasing assessments; regulating standing of male animals.

Senate—Requiring half hour each week in the public schools devoted to teaching humane treatment of animals; providing scholarships for world war veterans at the University of Kentucky and the State normal schools; providing for a commission to be appointed by the Mayor of Louisville to supervise erection of a soldiers and sailors' memorial in Louisville; providing for an annual assessment of real estate in cities of the second class; providing that governing authorities of the principal political parties may prescribe the method of nominations for state offices.

The Governor used the veto power on two Senate bills and five House bills, most of them providing for additional expense to the state and counties. The House bill providing a salary of \$2,500 a year, considered by the state superintendent as one of the important educational bills, was vetoed because the enacting clause was omitted and therefore inoperative.

Other bills on which the Governor used executive veto were:

House—Relating to suits on debts secured by lien which "placed unnecessary hardships on the holders of such securities," requiring the posting of a price list in each room by hotels of the state; permitting a person convicted of a felony to be out on bail pending an appeal to the Court of Appeals; allowing County Judges to employ a stenographer at \$900 a year.

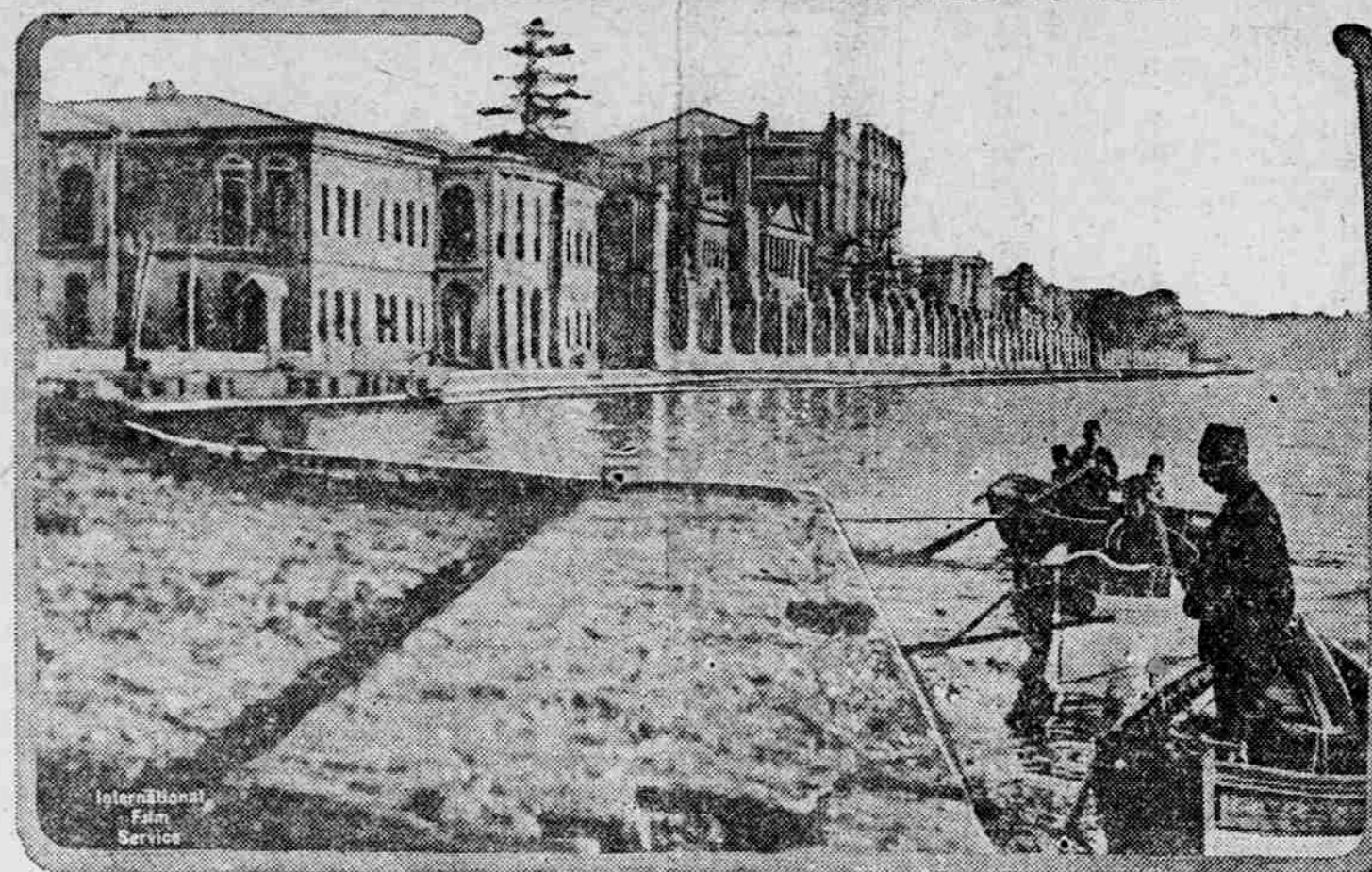
Senate, amending the statute offering a reward of \$50 for arrest and conviction of a horse or mule thief to include automobile thieves; providing that a verdict of not guilty in criminal cases would automatically provide for commitment of the person to an asylum.

The Governor said this bill is wrong because normal persons might have been temporarily insane at the time of committing a crime and afterward not justify commitment to an asylum for the insane.

## BIG SATURDAY SPECIAL

On Saturday we will sell the well known Serv-U's brand of Corn Flakes and Rolled Oats at 10 cents a package. Neff's Fish and Oyster House, phone 431, First street. 70 5

## PALACE THE SULTAN MAY BE ALLOWED TO KEEP



If the decision of the supreme council stands, the sultan of Turkey will be permitted to retain Constantinople, and probably will continue to reside in this palace.

## ADMIRERS PRESENT CAR TO DR. TELFORD

As a tribute to the esteem in which Dr. R. L. Telford, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, is held by the citizens of Richmond, a group of them contributed to a fund Wednesday and presented him with a Ford sedan. The presentation came as a climax to the intensive campaign which Dr. Telford has led during the past few days toward completing the fund for the new church home for his congregation. He was overwhelmed by the gift and deeply appreciative beyond words. There are few preachers anywhere as universally popular as Dr. Telford. It is often heard about town of him: "That man lives his religion every day."

## WANTS WILSON TO DECLARE POSITION

(By Associated Press) Washington, March 25—Both democrats and republicans cheered a statement by Representative Humphreys, democrat, of Mississippi, in the House today that President Wilson should make an immediate announcement that he is not a candidate for a third term. He said that under no circumstances should Wilson ask for re-election and recommended passage of an amendment limiting presidential eligibility to one term. The speaker declared that public advocacy by the President's friends and members of his cabinet that he run a third time allowed the country to believe the President will break an ancient precedent.

SEE O'Brien, Hauger Suits. Suits \$30—\$35—\$37.50 and \$40. Palm Beach \$16.50; Silk Mohair \$22.50. Glyndon Hotel. 73 2

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

E. M. Sowers to East Howard, 3-2 acres for \$472.  
W. H. Mearl to David C. Metcalf, 32 acres for \$325.  
Sarah Bowling to David C. Metcalf, 32 acres for \$325.  
C. J. Turner to C. P. Wagers, 45 acres for \$10,277.25.  
Elbert Young to W. W. Rowenger, tract, acreage not given \$275.  
Lee Congleton to Virgil Gaines, 188 acres for \$32,900.  
Virgil Gaines to Robert Rowlette, 47.59 acres for \$18,207.75.  
Virgil Gaines to Joe L. Rowlette, 52.45 acres for \$11,792.25.  
J. R. Robinson to Lula B. Park, 35 acres for \$4,000.  
Anne Eades' heirs to Rodney Eades, 54 acres for \$3,429.  
Master Commissioner to R. A. Ralston, 86.48 acres for \$10,000.

If you want a first class job breaking garden, see John Chambers, phone 372. 73 2p

FOR RENT—Blue grass farm with 3 acres new tobacco land; 6 room house. Apply 420 E. Main. 73 4p

WANTED—To rent small house of five or six rooms or several rooms for light housekeeping. Phone 433—W. S. Smathers. 73 4

NOTICE—See Eugene O'Brien with Hauger clothes, 37 stores Mr. Robert White's window enables you to buy much cheaper. urday, March 27th. Buy your Glyndon Hotel. 73 2 Sunday dinner. 70 3

## PRESBYTERIANS START BUILDING AT ONCE

The First Presbyterians don't let any grass grow under their feet. The day after the fund was secured for their new church workmen began on the old site. The pews were removed to one of the tobacco warehouses for storage, and Contractor K. K. Stone has a force of men right now on the job, removing the brick paving and getting ready to raze the old structure, which has done service for so many years. The Selden-Breck Company, of St. Louis, has the contract for the work. Mr. John Shackelford, formerly of this city, will have personal charge of the contracting work, it is understood, and work will be rushed.

## RICHMOND SOLDIER TALKS ABOUT BONUS

Replying to an argument concerning soldiers' pensions in the Cincinnati Enquirer, the other day, an ex-serviceman of Richmond, who simply signs the initials "J. H. L." had the following letter in the Enquirer the day:

"If He Is In Luck"  
Dear Sir: P. G. Baldwin, who is quoted in The Enquirer as being opposed to the payment of bonuses to former soldiers, appears to consider only one side of the proposition. No doubt he left a lucrative business when he entered the service and on that account takes the view that a majority of men, who were enlisted or volunteered for the service, were in like good circumstances.

Mr. Baldwin should take cognizance of the fact that there were many men who gave up good-paying positions to serve their country, and when they returned to civil life, found such positions filled and an unpromising future before them, seeing they had given one to two years of their lives to the performance of duties for which the compensation was small. In other words, having been on a salary which stopped automatically when they entered the service, unless their employers were generous as well patriotic, they cannot return to a business which probably was carried on during their absence and earned enough for them to make the pay of the Government clear profit.

Business men who were in the service probably do not desire bonuses, even if they drew only \$30 a month. But the young man who was starting out in life and whose future was before him, is in real need of any financial assistance the Government can give to him, as he has to begin anew where he left off (if he is in luck) instead of resuming the management of a business that has rolled up profits for him when he was bearing the brunt of war. The counsel of the proposition, for it is well worth consideration

J. H. L. Former Soldier. Richmond, Ky., March 17, 1920.

## FOR SALE

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Republican Baptist church, will have a food sale in Mr. Robert White's window Saturday, March 27th. Buy your Sunday dinner. 70 3

## HUNS SOCIALIZE RUHR COAL MINES

(By Associated Press) Paris, March 25—The German government has reached a definite agreement with workmen of the Ruhr valley where a general strike has been paralyzing industry and where hostilities between soldiers and workers have been in progress several days, according to news from Berlin. Socialization of the coal mines, among the demands granted.

## New Hun Cabinet

(By Associated Press) Berlin, March 25—The new German cabinet reconstructed as a result of yesterday's negotiations, will be headed by Gustav Bauer, present Premier, according to the Morning Post. It includes Captain Cuno, Minister of Finance, who is especially displeasing to Socialists.

## ANOTHER NAVAL PROBE IS STARTED

(By Associated Press) Washington, Mar. 25—Another naval investigation growing out of the war started here today, conducted by a naval court and for the purpose of develop the circumstances surrounding the removal of Rear Admiral Fletcher by Rear Admiral Sims from command of the American naval base at Brest. Meanwhile in the Senate the committee's investigation of the Navy's conduct of the war, Captain Light Palmer continued his testimony. He asserted "procrastination on the part of Daniels was responsible for a serious shortage of the personnel which proved the initial handicap of the navy in the war." He said Daniels was unable to appreciate the necessity of obtaining and training men in advance of the actual declaration of war.

## Town Lot Transfers

Chas. Rankin to Mary Lou Woods, lot in Richmond, \$300.  
Kate Keaton to T. W. Adams, lot in Kingston, \$1,900.  
Mattie J. Witt to O. F. Johnson lot in Richmond, \$2,500.  
J. K. Baker to E. C. Wynn, lot in Berea \$70.  
W. C. Wynn to W. W. Rominger, lot in Berea, \$1.  
Ethel May Brown to same, lot in Berea, \$3,000.  
Richmond Water and Light Co. to Allen H. Zaring, lot in Richmond, \$200.  
John L. Gay to C. E. Campbell, lot in Berea, \$1.  
John Muncy to R. L. Eversole, lot in Berea, \$1.  
M. E. Vaughn to same, lot in Berea, \$1.  
A. B. Cornett to D. W. Webb, lot in Berea, \$3,000.  
Mary M. Powell to Madison Lodge No. 14, I. O. O. F., lot in Richmond, \$2,000.

NOTICE—See Eugene O'Brien with Hauger clothes, Glyndon Hotel. 73 2

THERE'S a way to make even the best breakfast better. Rookwood coffee points the way. Several grades, all good. D. B. McKinney & Co. 70 6

## NEW SCHOOL LAWS GREATLY INCREASE TAX

State Superintendent Writes To County Officials Gist of What May Be Expected

The changes in the school laws as affecting the country schools, as made by the recent session of the legislature are quite radical in many ways. State Superintendent George Colvin is sending out letters to the county superintendents explaining many of the changes. The new laws mean that the school tax is greatly increased, the minimum being 25 cents to provide the minimum teachers' salaries of \$75 per month, and more than that being necessary to provide a maintenance fund. Madison now pays a 14c school tax.

Supt. Ben F. Edwards has received a letter from Supt. Colvin setting forth in concise form some of the things the new laws do, and it will be of interest here. He writes:

My Dear Superintendent: The school laws enacted by the present session of the General Assembly for the most part have an emergency clause and go into effect immediately. There are some features of these laws that it is important for you to know at once. I shall send you a complete copy of these laws as soon as they are available. In the meantime, I wish you would act upon the following points:

One of these laws provides for the levying of a compulsory minimum of 25 cents. The sum of money raised by this levy is to be devoted exclusively to the payment of teachers' salaries in addition, of course, to the sum received from the State until a minimum salary of \$75 with the salary schedule shall have been reached. If there be any of this sum remaining after meeting the minimum salary requirements, it may be used for the general purposes of education. If the sum of money raised by this 25 cent compulsory minimum is not enough to pay the minimum salary schedule, then your board has the option of increasing the levy to meet this minimum requirement or it may provide for a lower minimum salary, always remembering however, that whatever sum may be raised by this compulsory minimum levy of 25 cents must be devoted to the payment of teachers' salaries. For practically all counties, the sum raised in this way will be sufficient and ample, but in a few counties a higher rate will be necessary or a lower salary schedule. In the event your board has already fixed its rate of levy, it will be necessary under this law for you to reassemble your board and to reconsider your rate. The court I believe has held that it is necessary for your board not only to specify the rate but also the amount of money that they wish to raise and to show by an itemized budget the purposes for which this money is to be used. Whatever your board may decide upon up to 50 cents is made mandatory upon the Fiscal Court and they have no choice except to collect the rate demanded.

This law also provides for the employment of an attendance officer to enforce the new compulsory attendance law. You have some months, however, in which to find and employ a suitable person for this position. Teachers will be employed this year as heretofore.

The first election for the new place at the coming November election and the board will qualify in March 1921. No one is eligible to serve on this board or to vote for the members of this board except those who reside in the county outside of cities and graded school districts maintaining separate and independent school systems.

All papers of applicants for certificates will be graded from this Department and all certificates will be issued from here. The papers will be sent to you just as now is done in the case of examinations for State Certificates. You will continue to use two assistants in conducting these examinations and the papers, after having been properly answered, will be sent here for grading. I shall have the opportunity of explaining in detail each of these laws at the meeting of the Superintendents at the time of the K. E. A., if we do not have a superintendents' conference sooner.

If I can be of service at all in helping to adjust or apply these laws, please feel free to call upon me at all times. The most important thing right now is the tax levy.

With best personal and professional wishes, I am  
Sincerely,  
GEO. COLVIN, State Supt.

POTTS Gold Dust Flour makes better bread. Try and be convinced. Ask for it. 57 6

## PAINT LICK TWIRLER LOOKS LIKE "GOODS"

Bill Tatum Has the Old Heads Pleased At Colonels' Training Camp In the South

Bill Tatum, a nephew of W. P. Kincaid, well known tobacco man of this city, has 'em all sitting up and taking notice with his work for the Louisville base ball team in the American Association. Tatum pitched for Paint Lick last season, and showed so good that Louisville signed him. His home is near Point Leavell, over in Garrard county. The sport writer for the Louisville Post, who is with the Louisville team at its training camp at Mobile, Ala., had this about the training Tatum is getting with the older players:

A lot of attention was again paid to Bill Tatum, characterized by Bill Meyer as the Colonels' diamond in the rough. Meyer, probably through force of habit, is taking a special interest in the Lancaster boy. One reason for his interest in Tatum is that his efforts of instruction give promise of bearing fruit.

Yesterday furnished a typical example of the careful tuition Tatum is receiving from players who picked it up only through years of hard knocks and experience. During batting practice with Tatum pitching, Manager McCarthy stationed himself back of the pitcher's box and Meyer caught him. Both kept an eye on his work and sang out pointers for him to remember.

For instance, Joe showed him how to get a sweeping windup behind that freak underhand ball, for use with no runners on the bases. Then, after he drank in some of it, Joe showed him the motion to use with runners on base, so that he could shorten it into a quick delivery, either to the base or the plate. Meyer cautioned Tatum about keeping a foot on the rubber and not to take a skip and jump when whizzing them through. The hitters were instructed to lay them down so that Tatum can learn to field bunts.

The reason the Colonels are taking such pains with Tatum is that he possesses all of the natural stuff. His underhand ball is used for both a fast ball or a curve. It seldom raises higher than two feet off the ground. McCarthy and Meyer believe that their work with Tatum will eventually be rewarded. His work needs buffing and polishing. There are so many little tricks that Bill will need to learn to become an A. A. pitcher that it would be useless to try to new him out of the rough did he not show such an aptitude for instruction and willingness to work.

In discussing Tatum, who is the chief topic of the training camp, the Colonels remind themselves that Eppa Rixey and Walter Johnson didn't look a bit better when they reported to the majors than Tatum does now. Almost all of them are unanimous on the verdict that they have never seen such improvement in a player in such a little time.

Hitting practice loses its gusto when Tatum steps out on the rubber. He doesn't throw in any more cringles for them to kill.

## CLARK ALLMAN A DADDY

News has been received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Allman, that a son has arrived at the home of Clark Allman at his home in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, where he has been living for some time. The mother was Miss Esther Williamson, of this city. Many friends here will extend hearty congratulations and good wishes.

## Dies In Lancaster

Mrs. Aldridge, widow of James Aldridge, died suddenly of acute pneumonia after a few hours illness at the advanced age of 84, at Lancaster. She is survived by the following children: Hughes Aldridge, Mt. Vernon, Ind.; Harry Aldridge, Stanford; S. C. Aldridge and Mrs. J. R. Haselden, of Lancaster. She had been a member of the Christian church for over fifty years.

## Nicholasville Boy Drowns

A telegram was received at Nicholasville by W. T. Underwood stating that his son, Hobart, a member of the United States navy, was drowned off the Irish coast and the body was not recovered. Young Underwood reenlisted in the navy after the armistice was signed. No further particulars are given.

HAUGER Clothes this week. See O'Brien, Glyndon Hotel, 12 to 1:30; from 6 to 8 p. m. 73 2